# MY PREPARE IDEA

## CONTEST

2017



### HAM RADIO GO-KITS

- Worked with Sandy City to prepare 6 kits.
- Provide additional people who can help in an emergency.
- Already useful and effective.

Kent England Sandy, UT



### **SURVIVAL VEST**

- Organize supplies into pockets to quickly locate what you need.
- Easy to make.
- Customizable.
- Can hide under a jacket and still have easy access to supplies.

Jennie Zelig Sandy, UT





### MONTHLY NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

- Breaks emergency
   preparedness into
   simple steps that take
   5–10 minutes a week.
- Half neighborhood now preparing.

## **Keith Tanner Murray, UT**

### **Riverview Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness**

September 2016

A few years ago we worked on emergency preparedness as a neighborhood. Many people have expressed interest in doing it again.

The biggest roadblock to getting prepared is feeling overwhelmed, that it would take a lot of work. To make it easy, we are breaking emergency preparedness into very small steps that only take 5-10 minutes each. Take one step a week and in two years you'll be prepared.

Here are the first few steps for this month. Let's all take them together so our neighborhood will be prepared.

### Week #1—Decide to Prepare

Disasters can strike at any time without warning. Those who are unprepared suffer a lot more. Discuss emergency preparedness with your family and commit to spend a few minutes each week preparing.

### Week #2—Pick an Out-of-state Contact

Identify an out-of-state contact in case you are separated during an emergency. Long distance phone calls may work when local calls don't. Text messages and emails may work when phone calls don't. Make sure everyone in your family carries the contact information with them.

Since your out-of-state contact may not be able to call you, contact them twice a day to check for messages.

### Week #3-Pick Places to Meet

Pick two meeting places—one right outside your home for when your home isn't safe and one a little farther away for when your neighborhood isn't safe. Tell your family to check in so you will know they are safe.

### Week #4—Communicate Special Needs

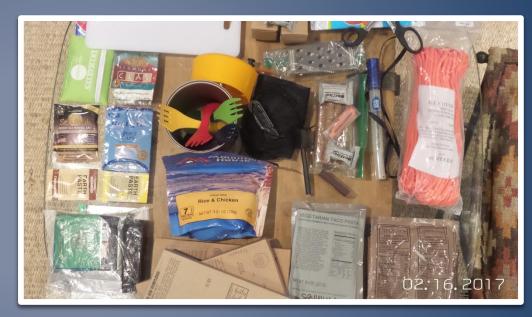
If you are disabled, handicapped, elderly, do not speak English, or have other special needs, get to know your next door neighbors. Make sure they know you may need extra assistance during a disaster.

### Extra Credit—Multiple Ways to Communicate

Have more than one way to make phone calls and access the Internet (cellphone, Century Link, Comcast, Voice over IP, etc.). Make sure you can call, text, and email when the power is out.

## EVERY DAY CARRY (EDC) KIT

- Kits for vehicles and home with quantities family uses.
- Inventory makes it easy to update and replenish food and medical items.



### RAMIRO FLORES SALT LAKE CITY, UT

### HOMEMADE PRESSURE-PUMP CAMP SHOWER

- Make from a new pressure weed sprayer and a standard shower head.
- Add water and warm in sun.
- Have a shower anywhere.

Bryan Stinson Layton, UT



## BACKPACKING / EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

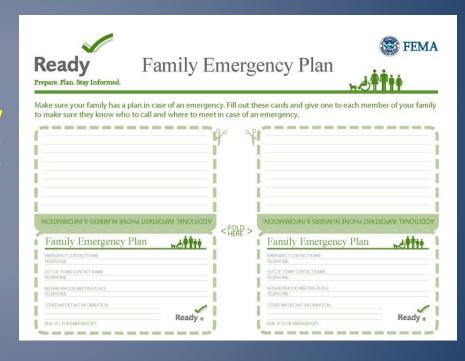
- Functional
- Ready-to-go
- Checklist of items with maintenance reminders
- Lightweight items
- Cold weather

Seth Call Provo, UT



### FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

- Electronic template at https://www.fema.gov/medialibrary/assets/documents/22187
- Easy to create, print, share, and update



Michelle Call Provo, UT

## MY PREPARE IDEA Ongoing Contest

- We are looking for great ideas to share with others.
- Email photo, short explanation, name, and city to utahprepare@gm ail.com.

